

# The Parish of Richmond



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## 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — Year A 18 October 2026

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 16:6, 8**
**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10**
**Give the Lord glory and honour.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Philippians 2:15-16**
***Alleluia, alleluia!*** **Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.** ***Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21**
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mark 10:45**
**The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.**

### *PRAYER FOR PEACE & JUSTICE IN THE WORLD*



*God of peace and justice, who changes the hardest heart and breaks the power of violence, we entrust the people living in war torn countries to you.*

*Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.*

*You are Father of all; We are brothers and sisters. Give us strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.*

*Through Christ our Lord.*
***Amen.***

### WHAT DO WE TRULY OWE TO GOD?

When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar, Jesus responds, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Because the coin bore Caesar's face and was minted by his state, returning a portion of it to the government through taxes was a standard civil obligation. Jesus does not preach political anarchy; He acknowledges that earthly governments have a functional place in ordering society.

If the coin belongs to Caesar because his likeness is stamped on it, you belong to God because His likeness is stamped on you. Human life is sacred. You can give Caesar a piece of silver, but your heart belongs entirely to God. And while money loses its value, the image of God in human beings bestows an eternal, indelible value on every person.

As believers, we navigate through life with dual citizenship – the earthly and the heavenly. Living with these two identities is not a contradiction; rather, it is an invitation to bring the values of God's Kingdom into every aspect of our earthly lives. In Christian theology, this dynamic is often referred to as being "in the world, but not of the world" (John 17:14–16).

As a parish community, we are also mindful this week of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is recovering following surgery. Let us unite in prayer for him, asking the Lord to grant him healing, strength and peace. May Our Blessed Mother watch over him and sustain him in his ministry of shepherding the Church.

***Fr Adam Carlow***

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**MONTHLY SPECIAL BLESSINGS**
*Marriage Anniversaries:*
Every 2nd Sunday of the month
Birthdays: Every 4th Sunday of the month

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# Thank You BBQ

*Fr Raymond, Fr Adam and the Parish Pastoral Council invite all Parish volunteers to a* ***BBQ on Friday 30th October 2026*** *to thank you all for your dedicated service to the Parish community.* **Venue:** *St Monica's Church gardens, Richmond.* **Time:** *from 5.30pm.*

All is provided, please bring along any alcohol, you plan to drink, and if possible,a salad or dessert to share.

**For catering purposes, please fill in the lists which are in the Church Foyers.**

***Our Parish is what it is today because of the faith, generosity and hard work of countless people over many years. Come and let's celebrate together.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE REMEMBER**
Throughout November the Church prays for the souls of the faithful departed. Envelopes are available at the church doors for you to submit names of family and friends you would like included in the November Masses. Place them in the collection bag or hand in at the parish office, ASAP so lists can be completed.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**
Will meet tomorrow Monday 19 October at 7pm. Our topic is *'The Bible and the Church'.*

**MISSION SUNDAY One in Christ, United in Mission**
We mark 100 years of World Mission Sunday. The Church gathers in a spirit of unity, prayer, and generosity. Across continents, communities come together to celebrate a shared calling that transcends borders, languages, and cultures. A collection will be taken up as you leave the Church today. Thank you for your support.

**CHANGE OF TIME FOR RECONCILIATION**
From Saturday 31 October the new time for Reconciliation at St Monica's will be **5.00pm-5.45pm.**

## 2026 SAVE THE DATES

- *18 Oct* - **1st Holy Communion Classes Begin**
- *21 Oct* - **Finance Committee Meeting**
- *30 Oct* - **Volunteers Thank You BBQ**
- *7 Nov* - **Grandparents Day Talk**
- *28 Nov* - **Parish Annual Retreat**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY - 1 November Sunday**
Usual Sunday Mass times.

**ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 November Monday**
Mass at St Monica's 9.00am & 7.00pm, and at St Gregory's 6.30pm. November Mass envelopes are available at the Church doors.

**AU REVOIR AND BEST WISHES to Rita Crane**
Rita has been very active at St Gregory's and St Monica's. She has participated in rosters, the Choir, The Circle of Friends and made many a cup of tea. Rita also helped compile the Parish history book. We wish her every happiness and God's blessings.

**FUNERAL FOR LATE Dallas Smith**
*Husband to Lorraine.* Held at 11.00am on Tuesday 20 October at St Monica's. *May he rest in peace.*

## SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES**
Will commence from Sunday **18 October 2026.** *These are the class times:*

| Sunday 9.00am 18 Oct | Sunday 10.30am 18 Oct | Monday 3.45pm 19 Oct | Tuesday 7.00pm 20 Oct | Wednesd. 4.00pm 21 Oct | Thursday 6.30pm 22 Oct | Friday 4.30pm 23 Oct |
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| St Greg's | St Mon's | St Mon's | St Mon's | St Mon's | St Mon's | St Mon's |

## PARISH MASS TIMES

**St Monica's**
*Saturday:* 6.00pm
*Sunday:* 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30am
*Mon, Wed & Fri:* 9.00am

**St Gregory's**
*Saturday:* 9am
*Sunday:* 8am

**St John of God**
No Masses at this stage

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation**
*St Monica's:*
*Saturday:* 5.00pm - 5.45pm
*St Gregory's*
*Saturday:* after 9.00am Mass

**Anointing of the Sick**
*St Monica's:* 9.00am
Second Friday of the month, or by arrangement with a priest

**Baptism**
By appointment only.
*St Monica's:* 11am, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
*St Gregory's:* 11am, 1st Sunday
Booking & Preparation essential.

**Marriage**
Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required. All enquiries email: admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**PPC - 11/11/2026**
**PFC - 21/10/2026**
**Time at 7.00pm**

Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers and parish website.

## SAFEGUARDING CORNER

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to zero tolerance of abuse and, through ongoing education of all Diocesan staff and volunteers, remains focused on building child-safe communities throughout all Parishes that care for children and adults at risk.

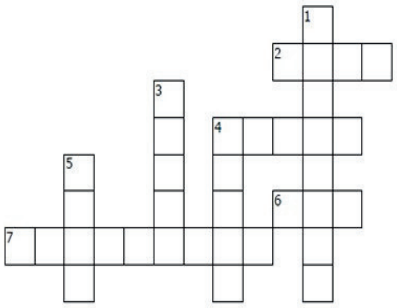
For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website:
**https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/**
Thank you for helping keep our parish a safe and welcoming place.

## Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)





**ACROSS**

2. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
4. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
6. To give someone money in return for something.
7. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

**DOWN**

1. A picture of a person -- usually showing the face.
3. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
4. Money paid to the government.
5. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.

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| TAXES | TRAP | PORTRAIT | PLANS |
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## STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

Donations can be made using the bank details below, or via the Tap-and-go machine and online donations at our parish website at www.parishofrichmond.org.au
Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## SUPPORT DONATIONS

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**The First Collection - Supporting Diocesan priests**

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**The Second Collection - Supporting Parish needs**

**Reference:** Second Collection (Your name)

## Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Eric Glanville, Dallas Smith, Rosario Pelias, Kathleen Hutchinson, Joan Crutcher, Imelda Borsato, Fr. Eugene Stockton, Doris Crawley, Nellie Biddle, Sean Killen, Richard & Beryl Freitas.

## ... and those we remember this week

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Roseanne Attard, Jim Buttigieg, Sr Joan Murphy OSC, Vallna Fenech, Margaret Attard, Honorius and Eddie Escalante, Maryann Callaghan, Dolahenty and Barrett families, Callaghan and Bradley families.

## We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, Ann Garrick, Phillip Logue, Pat Stanton, Gerard Rack, Frank McGuiness, Francisca De Almeida, Leanne Ryan, Kathy/Peter Johnson, Leo Stivala, Maria Galuzzo, Irene Barry, Laurie Cauchi, Maria Zeks, Leigh Geogeon, Ruth Larven, Mile.



## We welcome the newly baptised

**Scarlett Cilia, Cecilia Azzopardi**

***...to our Christian family.***

## Happy birthday

**to all those celebrating this week**




**Luke 24 Youth Group**
**(8-12yrs) (13-17yrs)**
Date: Monday 9 November
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm

On a Journey to be Richer in Faith
Luke 24
YOUTH MINISTRY

**Luke 24 Young Adults Group**
**(18 - 34yrs)** *Debate Night*
Date: Thursday 22 October
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

LUKE 24
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

## REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES

**Rosary**
*St Monica's:*
8.40am before weekday Mass
*St Gregory's:*
8.40am before Saturday Mass

**Children's Liturgy**
*St Monica's:* During 9.30am Mass
Every Sunday, not school holidays

**Parish Morning Tea**
*St Monica's:* After 9.30am Mass
every fourth Sunday of the month
*St Gregory's:* After 8.00am Mass
every second Sunday of the month

**Table Tennis**
1st & 3rd Mondays 5.00pm - 7.00pm
in the Old Church (0490 140 652)

**Benediction & Mass**
*St Monica's:* 6.30pm - 7.30pm
every 1st Friday of the month
*St Gregory's:* After 9.00am Mass
every 1st Saturday of the month

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
*St Monica's:* After 9.00am Mass
Every Wednesday to pray for vocations



Monthly Special Blessings: ***Marriage Anniversaries -*** Every 2nd Sunday of the month ***Birthdays*** - Every 4th Sunday of the month

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
**24/25 October 2026**
**30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

### St Monica's

**Readers**
6.00pm - J Xiberras D Watkins
7.30am - T Fogarty A Tabone
9.30am - L Sheffield M Mizzi
5.30pm - R Sultana T Ross

**Eucharistic Ministers**
6.00pm - J Xiberras J Muscat
7.30am - C Thompson A Dunbar
9.30am - L Ryan J Cauchi
5.30pm - D D'Mello R Vecchio

**Minister at the Altar**
6.00pm - R Ujmiak
7.30am - A Moloney
9.30am - C Pritchard
5.30pm - P Delahy

**Junior Ministers**
6.00pm - A Roy
7.30am -
9.30am - C & E Cauchi S Borg
5.30pm - L Sultana C Chantiri

**Projector**
6.00pm - M Breaden
7.30am - M McMahon
9.30am - E Choudhary
5.30pm - M Teuma

**Children's Liturgy**
9.30am - K Kemble

**Cleaners**
K Murphy M Camilleri

**Counters**
18 Oct - V & F Muscat R Camilleri
25 Oct - F Crew T Misdom M Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 19 October 2026 - 9am**
**Reader** - M Breaden
**EMoHC** - M McMahon

**Wednesday 21 October 2026 - 9am**
**Reader** - C Allison
**EMoHC** - A Moloney

**Friday 23 October 2026 - 9am**
**Reader** - D Bowles
**EMoHC** - A Aquilina

### St Gregory's

**Saturday 24 October 2026 - 9am**
**Reader** - C Smiroldo
**EMoHC** -

**Sunday 25 October 2026 - 8am**
**Readers** - L Currall M Mooney A Drew
**Eucharistic Minister** - P Waterford
**Minister at the Altar** - A Vincent
**Data Projector** - S Stennett
**Altar Preparation** - M Ryan
**Cleaners** - K Hodgson

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